

# The Governors' Climate & Forests Task Force ARB Workshop Presentation July 30, 2010

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**Spearheaded by California in 2008 at the First Governors' Global Climate Summit and signing of MOUs**

**Now 14 states/provinces from Brazil, Indonesia, Mexico, Nigeria, and the United States, representing "early mover" REDD states**

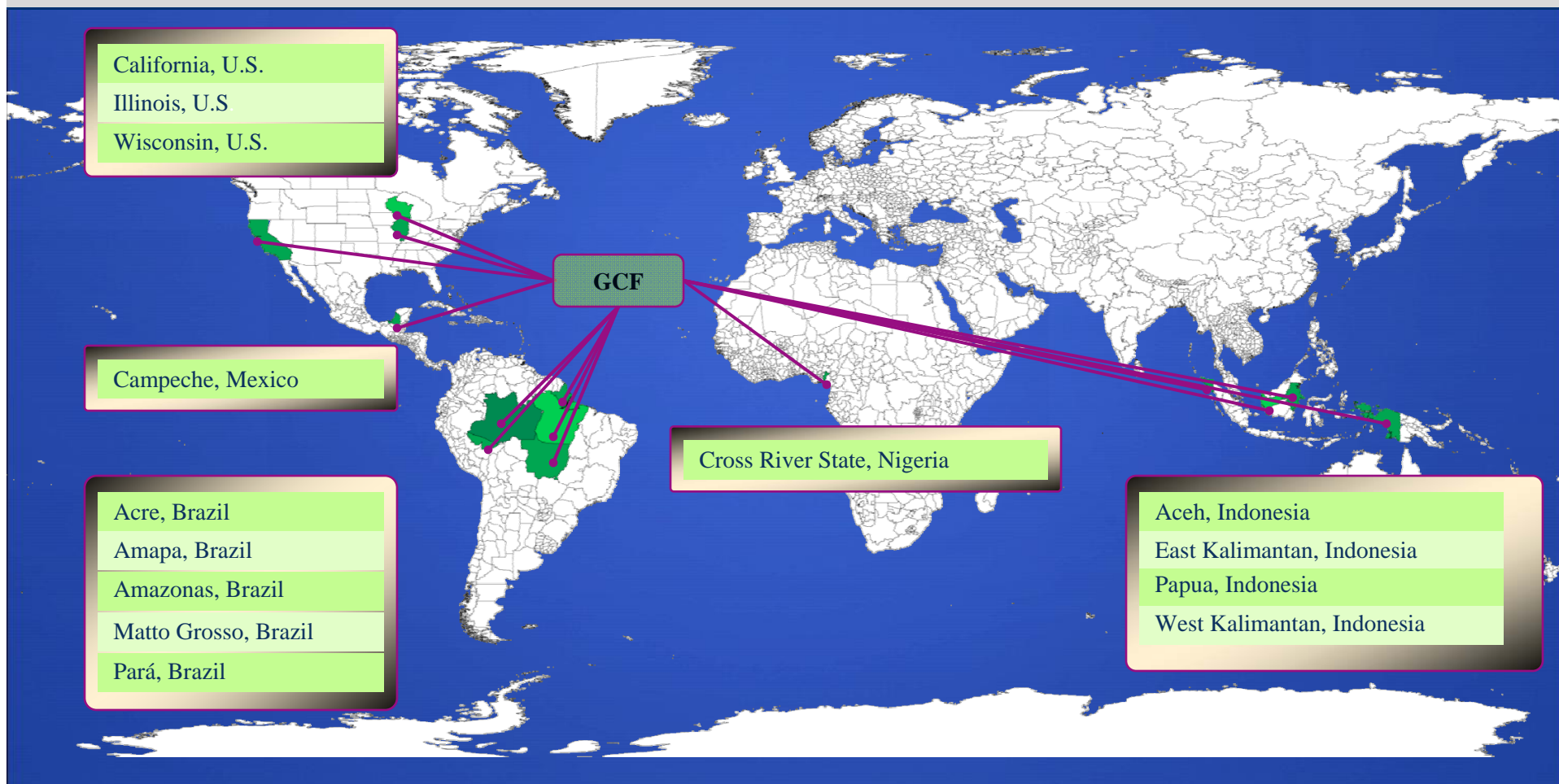
**Substantial share (approx. 1/3) of the world's tropical forests in GCF states/provinces**

**Multi-jurisdictional process for sub-national cooperation on climate and forests**

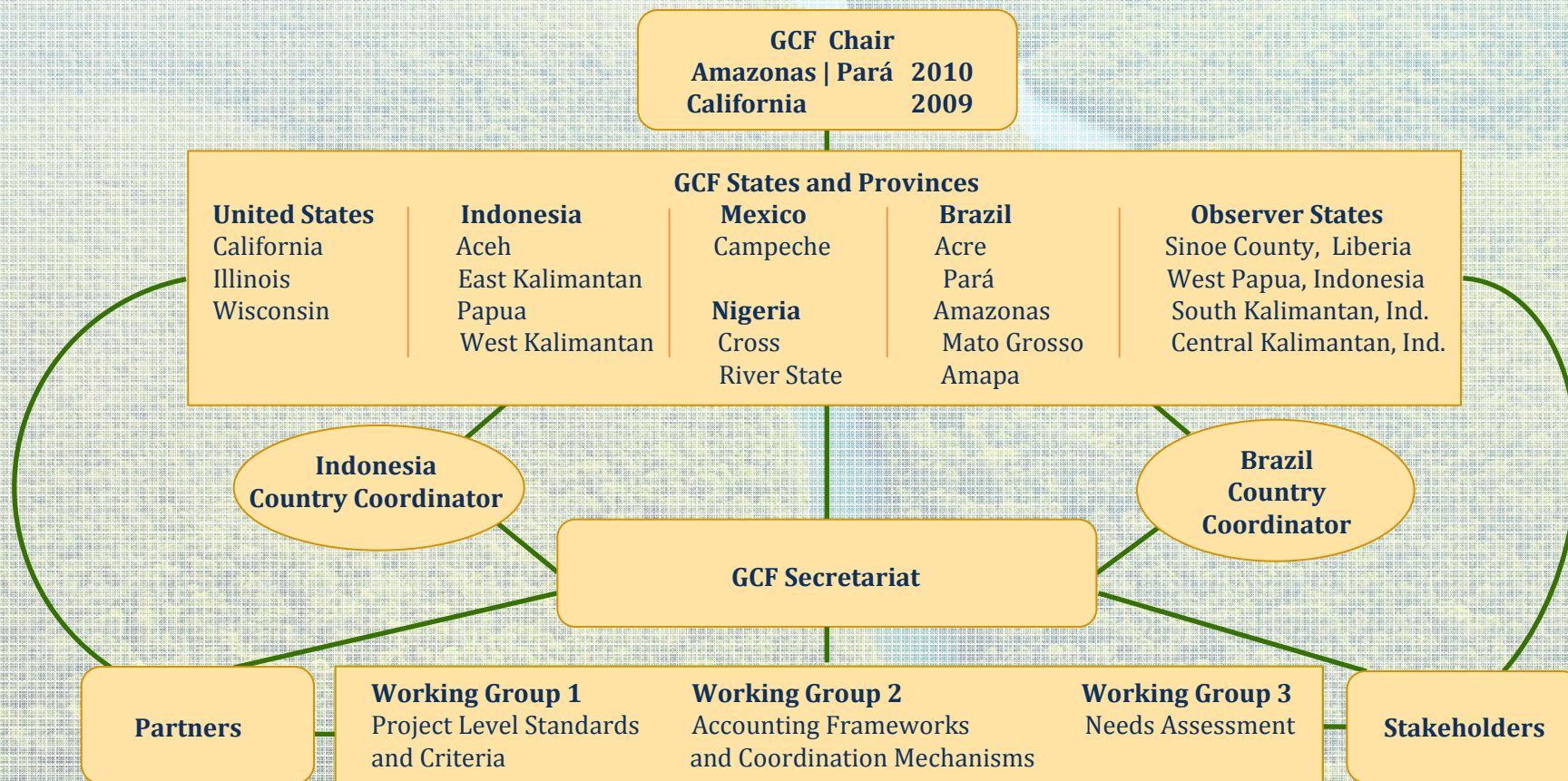


# GCF

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# GCF Overall Objectives (2009-2010)

- Bring together key, early mover tropical forest states with U.S. states at the forefront of developing subnational GHG compliance systems (most notably California) to:
  - Exchange ideas and build capacity (legal, institutional, technical & scientific) to generate high quality offsets from REDD;
  - Develop recommendations for bringing REDD and other forest carbon activities into climate policy; and
  - Move into the “proof of concept” stage in the effort to bring REDD into existing and emerging GHG compliance systems and markets.



## GCF milestones and key events (2009-2010)

- Belém Meeting (June 2009) – formal establishment of GCF; adoption of Joint Action Plan; creation of 3 working groups; joint GCF-stakeholder meeting
- LA meeting (Sept 2009) – GCF Governors meeting; adoption of REDD protocol assessment and needs assessment scoping study; joint Governors' letter to the Presidents of Brazil, Indonesia and US; joint GCF-stakeholder meeting
- Copenhagen COP 15 (Dec 2009) – GCF Governors meeting
- Sacramento (Feb 2010) – Technical Meeting on REDD Regulatory Design (Options Paper developed by the GCF available on ARB and GCF websites)
- Banda Aceh Meeting (May 2010)—creation of 4 priority Tasks for the second half of 2010; joint GCF-stakeholder meeting
- Santarém, Pará Meeting (Sept 13-17, 2010), including joint GCF-stakeholder meeting
- Cancun COP 16 (Dec 2010)



# GCF Working Groups

- Working group 1 – standards and criteria
  - Clarity on general criteria for project-level activities
  - Support multiple pathways to compliance standards for nested projects
- Working group 2 – coordination and accounting
  - State/province REDD program development; stakeholder and governance issues
  - Connecting projects with state/province-level performance (nesting)
  - Linkage agreements between compliance systems and state/province REDD programs
- Working group 3 – needs assessment
  - Facilitating state/province needs assessments; knowledge database
  - Strategy for accessing interim public finance



# February 2010 Technical Meeting (Sacramento, CA)

- **Objective:** to convene technical experts to develop regulatory design recommendations for incorporating REDD into emerging GHG compliance systems, with a specific focus on options for CA ARB's Preliminary Draft Regulation (PDR) for Cap-and-Trade.
- Covered regulatory design options on a number of topics, summarized in Options Paper available on the ARB website, including:



## February Tech. Meeting Topics (cont'd)

- Sectoral Crediting Pathways
- State-Level Accounting
  - Reference Level Baselines
  - Crediting Baselines
- State-wide REDD Plans
- Tracking and Registry Infrastructure
- Project Nesting and Reconciliation Architecture
- Monitoring, Reporting, and Verification (State- and project-level)
- Safeguards (Environmental, Protection of Interests, and Benefit Sharing)
- Enforceability, Liability, and Risk Management
- Early Action/Phased Approaches



## Work Tasks from May 2010 Aceh Meeting/ Outputs for Santarem & Cancun Meetings

- Develop GCF design recommendations for subnational REDD frameworks (building off of Tech. Meeting)
- Continue work on public financing opportunities for GCF member states and provinces
- Create GCF knowledge database
- Develop communications strategy & enhancement of stakeholder involvement in GCF process



## The GCF & California

- (1) The GCF is a hub for and source of international scientific, technical, and donor-level expertise on REDD, which it hopes has provided, and can continue to provide, helpful input to California as it develops its cap-and-trade program and considers international offsets. An example of this is the February Technical Meeting and follow-up that the GCF facilitated.



## The GCF & California, cont'd

- (2) The GCF provides a platform for cooperation and information-sharing between emerging market regulators (e.g. ARB) and tropical forest states and provinces.
- The relationships formed have helped facilitate the free exchange of thoughts on regulatory design, on the ground circumstances in tropical forest states, where to seek and direct funding for REDD readiness, and other key issues, and could provide the foundation for future bilateral agreements in a compliance market.



## The GCF & California, cont'd

- (3) The international community is looking to California's ground-breaking AB 32 implementation to provide a model for REDD and send clear signals to tropical forest states and provinces on how to design their REDD programs.
- The GCF has been a two-way conduit for information about California's effort in state, national, and international fora around the world.



# Stakeholder Involvement in the GCF

**2009- early 2010:**

- Invited stakeholders to participate in GCF bi-annual meetings
- Invited stakeholders to provide input on Working Group & Task Group Outputs
- Invited stakeholders to develop recommendations re the design of environmental safeguards, protection of rights/interests, benefit-sharing and multi-stakeholder process by compliance market regulators and tropical forest states.

Current GCF-wide communication is through emails and website ([www.gcftaskforce.org](http://www.gcftaskforce.org)). In-country engagement of NGOs delegated to Country Coordinators and states and provinces.



# Stakeholder Involvement in the GCF, cont'd

## June 2010-:

The GCF has recognized a need for, and has committed to, among other actions:

- Developing a formal GCF stakeholder process with stakeholders (will be circulated widely for review before Santarem) drawing on existing multi-stakeholder process models
- Improving timeliness and availability of helpful information (in multiple languages)

If interested in being added to the stakeholder email list, please contact the GCF Secretariat at: [julie.teel@colorado.edu](mailto:julie.teel@colorado.edu)



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